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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2007.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-73 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 1-66 and 70-73 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 67-69 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is in response to amendment filed on July 7, 2007. Original application contained Claims 1-69. Applicant previously added new Claims 70-73. Presently claims 1-73 are pending.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-73 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-66, and 70-73 are allowed.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 67-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wambach et al (U.S. Patent 6,330,648).

As per claim 67, Wambach teach an apparatus for protection of computer assets from unauthorized access (Fig.1-6) comprising: a south bridge comprising: an interface controller operatively coupled to receive a interface control command to control an interface device; and a protection engine operatively coupled to the interface controller for preventing unauthorized access to the interface device and operatively coupled to receive the interface control command to determine whether a source of the interface control command is authentic and to selectively allow or inhibit execution of the interface control command by the interface controller depending on whether or not the source of the interface control command is authentic (col.3 line 55 to col.5 line 24).

3. Claims 68-69 are rejected applied as above rejecting Claim 67. Furthermore, Wambach teach protecting unauthorized access of a system, wherein:

As per claim 68, a one-time-writable register operatively coupled to the protection engine to store a value used to determine whether the source of the interface control command is authentic (col.8 line 15 to line 56).

As per claim 69, the value is accessible only to the protection engine and to an operating system (Fig.1, col.4 line 23 to col.5 line 14).

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Syed Zia whose telephone number is 571-272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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